

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. MR. BROWN, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lyn, will shortly remove to St. Andrew's, N.B.

THE Rev. F. Ballantyne, who has lately received a call to Westminster, near London, Ont., preached in Knox Church, Perth, on Sabbath, the 1st inst.

REV. W. T. McMULLEN, of Woodstock, has commenced a series of theological lectures, which he intends to deliver, one on each Sabbath evening during the winter months.

A NEW Presbyterian Church is to be built at Norwich. The building will cost \$4,000, and within \$500 of this amount has been already subscribed. Work will be commenced early in the spring.

THE Presbyterian congregations of Ormiston church, Lucan, and Fraser church, Biddulph, have unanimously called Rev. Wm. Galloway, who has ministered to these stations during the last six months.

REV. N. PATTERSON recently delivered a lecture on "William Cowper" to an intelligent audience in St. Andrew's Church, Bayfield. We understand that the Seaforth people will shortly enjoy the privilege of hearing the same lecture.

THE Presbyterian Church at Leeburn, about three miles north of Goderich, was totally destroyed by fire on the morning of Sabbath the 1st inst. The building was insured for \$600. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

REV. S. SOMERVILLE STOBBS, late of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, (well known to our readers), who, en route for Melbourne has been spending a few weeks in New York, received last week a most cordial and unanimous call to the Third Presbyterian Church, Jersey City.

WE learn from the Essex "Record" that the convict Belcher has written a letter to the Rev. Mr. Gray, of Windsor, in which he says he will never forget the kindness and perseverance of Mr. Gray and Dr. Caulfield in trying to prepare him for what they believed to be an untimely end.

A NEW mission has been inaugurated in the Sabbath school building, Pearl street, Hamilton, under the auspices of the Central Presbyterian Church. Last Sabbath evening divine service was held there by Mr. Tibbs, a student of Knox College; and it is intended in future to maintain regular services each Sabbath evening at seven p.m.

ON Monday evening of last week the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., of this city, lectured to an appreciative audience in the Presbyterian Church, Newmarket, on "Business, Culture, and Recreation." The cordial vote of thanks unanimously voted by the audience was conveyed to the lecturer in suitable terms by the chairman Rev. Mr. Frizzel.

THE friends of the Knox Church Sabbath school, Waterdown, held a soiree on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. After an excellent repast, the chair was taken by Rev. Mr. McMechan, the pastor, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Connell, Baptist, Rev. Mr. White, Methodist; Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Strabane, and Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, of Hamilton.

THE Toronto Presbytery met on Tuesday last to consider a call from Galway, Ireland, to the Rev. J. G. Robb, D.D., of Cooke's Church, in this city. Rev. S. Lyle spoke on behalf of the congregation making the call, and Rev. Prof. Gregg on behalf of the congregation of Cooke's Church. After a long discussion, the question was submitted to a committee to confer with Dr. Robb and report shortly.

ON Sabbath evening, 1st inst., the pulpit of Knox Church, Perth, was occupied by Rev. Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's College, Kingston. The service was a union one of the two Presbyterian congregations. Dr. Grant chose for his subject the parable of the Prodigal Son; and showed that the elder brother was equally culpable with the younger, and a character to be despised for his selfishness and pharisaical self-righteousness.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa, held on the 3rd December, calls were received and sustained from the congregation of Buckingham in favor of the Rev. Wm. Cavin, late of Frederickton, N.B., and from the congregation of Cumberland in favor of Rev. Robert Hughes, of Alice and Petawawa, in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. Further, the Rev. C.

I. Cameron gave in his resignation of the pastoral charge of New Edinburgh, on the ground of ill health, and a meeting of Presbytery was appointed for the 17th inst., to which the congregations were to be cited to appear for their interests.

ON Monday evening, the 2nd inst., a meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, anent the endowment scheme of Queen's College, Kingston. The chair was occupied by Hon. Alex. Morris, and with him on the platform were the Rev. Principal Grant and his coadjutor on the mission, Rev. Mr. Smith, of Kingston; Rev. Dr. Bain, and Rev. Mr. Burns of Perth. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Smith and Rev. Principal Grant. Afterwards the subscription list was opened, and in a short time the handsome sum of \$1,480 was subscribed by seventeen persons. The next day Dr. Grant and Mr. Smith canvassed the town and brought the subscription list up to \$2,404.50.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou held on the 26th ult., among other business the call from the congregation of Woodville, Ont., to the Rev. Alexander Ross, M.A., of Knox Church, Pictou, was taken into consideration. The Rev. J. McNabb, of Beaverton, Ont., appeared as a commissioner from the Presbytery of Lindsay and congregation of Woodville. He pleaded very earnestly for the translation of Mr. Ross. The Hon. R. P. Grant and Messrs. A. McKay and W. McLaren spoke in behalf of Knox Church, Pictou. They expressed the attachment of the congregation to Mr. Ross, and their desire, if agreeable to himself, that he would continue with them. Mr. Ross, on being invited to speak for himself, virtually declined the call; and the Presbytery, on motion agreed that it should be set aside.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Alberton, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. H. Ratcliff, has, during the past summer, erected a new church, which was opened for public worship on 1st December. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. William Gregg, D.D., of Knox College, in the morning and evening, and by the Rev. John Robbins, of the C. M. Church, Jerseyville, in the afternoon. A very successful soiree was held on the following evening—successful considering the state of the weather and roads. The church is of red brick, relieved with white—plain, but neat and substantial, and is seated for 240. The interior of the building is very much improved by the windows, which are of ground glass, with stained glass borders. The work is well done, and is a credit to the builders, and the congregation has reason to feel pleased with the result of its efforts. The total cost is \$2,490, of which \$2,000 is provided for.—COM

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby held its regular meeting in Bowmanville on the 3rd inst. The attendance of members was good, and the business was carefully attended to. The following were the principal matters before the court: The forenoon sederunt was occupied with a very interesting and profitable conference on the state of religion. Mr. Carmichael introduced the subject with an appropriate address, and was followed by Messrs. Rogers, Chambers, Drummond, Hogg, Little and Parker. At the close, a committee was appointed to draft a minute expressing the mind of the Presbytery on this subject. The call to Rev. F. R. Beattie being declined, was set aside, as also the call to Rev. Mr. Bell, Listowel. The circular anent the Assembly Fund was read, and the Presbytery requested such congregations as had not yet remitted their proportion to this fund to do so without delay. The Presbytery agreed to appoint Messrs. Chambers, Hogg, Roger, Fairbairn, and I. C. Smith a committee to take oversight of the Sabbath School work within the bounds, and report annually. It is understood that arrangements have been made for holding a Sabbath School Convention in Whitby early this winter. Mr. Little read a letter from the Foreign Mission Committee, requesting him to advocate their Missions before the Presbytery. It was agreed that he should have an opportunity of addressing the Presbytery at its next meeting. It was also agreed that the subject of our mission work be brought before our congregations from all our pulpits on some Sabbath during this winter, and also, where practicable, the minister and session make arrangements for holding a public missionary meeting. The Presbytery entered on the Remits from the General Assembly: 1. Anent a gen-

eral Sustentation Fund. Messrs. Roger, Carmichael, and Heron, jr., were appointed a committee to examine this remit and report. 2. Anent missionary associations in our congregations. The attention of members was directed to this matter, with instructions to attend to it as far as practicable. Delayed all other causes. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Whitby in St. Andrew's Church, on the third Tuesday of January next.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—At Lindsay, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the Presbytery of Lindsay met on Tuesday, 26th November, at two p.m., and was constituted by Rev. D. McGregor, moderator. Sederunt: Messrs. D. McGregor, J. T. Paul, W. Lochhead, A. Currie, M.A., J. Hastie, D. McDonald, D. D. McLennan, E. Cockburn, M.A., W. J. Smith and J. R. Scott, ministers; and Messrs. J. McTaggart, A. Calder, D. Grant, D. Gilchrist, and T. H. Glendinning, elders. The minutes of 27th August, 8th and 21st October, were read and sustained. A circular from the Rev. Dr. Reid on the Assembly Fund was read, and congregations which have not remitted requested to attend to this matter immediately. A circular from Rev. Dr. Cochrane, on the Home Mission Fund, was read, when it was agreed to urge the claims of this fund at the missionary meetings. A telegram was read from Rev. J. McNabb, our representative at Pictou Presbytery, intimating that the call from Woodville congregation to the Rev. A. Ross, was declined. Mr. Grant, elder from Woodville, was instructed to inform the congregation. Mr. McGregor, convener of committee appointed to visit Bolsover, and Mr. Hastie, convener of committee appointed to visit Fenelon Falls, reported that no meetings had been held yet. Report received, and the committees instructed to visit these congregations soon; the time of the missionary meetings suggested as suitable. Mr. McNabb, member of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, being at Pictou, the printed report of said committee was taken up, and the reduction of supplement considered, viz.: Longford, Bolsover, Kirkfield and Fenelon Falls. After a lengthened conversation, the following arrangements were made. A committee, consisting of Rev. J. McNabb (Convener), Mr. D. Grant, and the Clerk, was appointed to visit Kirkfield and Victoriaville in regard to supplement. Rev. Mr. McGregor and Rev. Mr. Paul to see what arrangements can be made for working Carden and Black River stations in connection with Bolsover, and report to Presbytery. The Rev. Mr. Hastie and committee to attend to the matter of supplement at Fenelon Falls. And the missionary deputation to Longford and North Mara to attend to the interests of Mr. McGregor there. A committee was appointed to draw up a scheme of missionary meetings, to report at evening sederunt. Adjourned to meet at seven p.m.—At seven p.m., the Presbytery resumed business, when committee on missionary meetings reported the following scheme, which was adopted. 1. That each pastor arrange missionary meetings for his own charge.—II. That for vacant congregations and mission stations the following arrangement be carried out. 1. Woodville—Rev. Messrs. McNabb (Convener) E. Cockburn, and W. J. Smith. 2. Cannington and Manilla—Rev. Messrs. D. D. McLennan (Convener), W. J. Smyth and J. Hastie. 3. Sunderland and Vroomanton—Rev. Messrs. Acheson (Convener) J. Hastie, and W. J. Smyth. 4. Northern Mission Field—Rev. Messrs. Paul and McLennan, joint-convener. Meetings to be held during the time Mr. S. Carruthers, student, and Mr. C. McKeracher, missionary, are in the field together.

III. 1. As many meetings as possible to be held in December, the remainder in January. 2. A collection to be taken up at the meetings, and, as far as practicable, subscriptions to meet the urgency of the schemes. 3. Missionary sermons recommended to be preached on Sabbath preceding meetings, and an exchange of pulpits for this end. 4. The several deputations are urged to use all diligence to prepare addresses suitable to such meetings, and give full information on the schemes of the Church. 5. Deputations to enquire as to the existence of missionary associations in each congregation, and report to the Presbytery. 6. The assistance of elders to be secured at said meetings. After some routine business, the next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Woodville, on the last Tuesday of February, 1879, at 11.30 a.m. After prayer, led by Rev. J. T. Paul, meeting was closed by the Moderator with the benediction.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.